tly requested for issuing the Letter of Intent in the name of M/s. U.B. Limited.

(b) and (c) A proposal to produce Ranitidine bulk drug with foreign collaboration has since been received in this Ministry.

Productivity per workers in Coal India Limited

2481. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA :
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the per capita productivity in Coal India Limited has shown an upward trend ;

(b) what steps are being taken to bring the productivity to an acceptable level and also to bring down the cost of production of coal; and

(c) what is the present retail price of coal as compared to 1980 and 1970?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir. Productivity in Coal India Ltd. has increased from 0.72 tonne in 1980-81 to 1.17 tonnes per manshift in 1988-89.

(b) Some of the major steps being taken to improve productivity and to bring down cost are as follows :

(i) Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus workers and restricting the intake of new employees against vacancies caused by natural wastage.

(ii) Control on increase in manpower through voluntary retirement schemes.

(iii) The concept of "all men-all jobs" is being tried on an experimental basis.

(iv) Increase in production and productivity with special emphasis on underground mines.

(v) Improvement in the availability and utilisation of equipment by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and timely rehabilitation of equipments.

(vi) A number of systems improvement and managerial measures have been adopted to improve efficiency of operation.

(c) The retail price of coal in the country varies from place to place depending upon distance from source of supply, transportation charges and other State levies, The average pithead price of coal at the time of nationalisation of coal mines was Rs. 37.50 per tonne. In 1980, the average pithead price was Rs. 101.18 per tonne (as per price revision on 17-7-1979). At present the average pithead price of coal for Coal India sources is Rs. 249/- per tonne.

Power deficit in Southern Grid

2482. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the deficit in power in Southern grid during the Seventh Plan period ;

(b) what is the estimated shortfall in power generation during the Eighth Plan period ;

(c) how many power projects have been sanctioned for the Southern States for execution during the Eighth Plan period ;

(d) how many of such power projects have been sponsored by the Central Government in the joint sector and how many in the State Sector ; and

(e) what are the details of each project including capacity, cost and the expected date of commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) There would be a peak deficit of 13·2 per cent and energy shortage of 14·6 per cent in Southern Region at the end of the Seventh Plan.

(b) The anticipated peak deficit and energy shortage at the end of the Eighth Plan (1994-95) in the Southern Region would be 22·2 per cent and 13·3 per cent respectively.

(c) to (e) The details of the sanctioned/ongoing power projects which are tentatively envisaged to provide benefits in the Eighth Plan in the Southern Region are given in the attached annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure no. 149].

Price control on ORS

2483. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several multiple ingredient formulations which contain one or more or none of the price controlled drugs ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price of these formulations are fixed under DPCO, 1987 ;

(c) if so, what is the justification in removing Oral Rehydration Salts on the ground that it contains multiple ingredients ;

(d) what are the names of multiple ingredient formulations which are under price control ; and

(e) what steps are being taken to bring back DRS under price control as per the policy statement announced in December, 1986 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a), (b) and (d) Yes, Sir. Several multi-ing redient formulations are price controlled under DPCO, 1987.

(c) and (e) The Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) has been excluded from price control on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee. There is no proposal to bring it back under Price Control.

Overcharging on Corticosteroids

2484. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that producers of Corticosteroids like Betamethasone and Dexamethasone owe around Rupees Seventy five crores on account of Drug Prices Equalisation Account ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that nothing has been recovered from the producers of these drugs ;

(c) whether his Ministry has worked out the amount overcharged from these producers ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor ;

(e) what was the production of each drug and its salts from 1980